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NOTIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

Patent Application No.: Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-114831

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Applied Section: Section 29 (2)

This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within 60 DAYS of the mailing date hereof.

REASON

The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the invention could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the inventions described in the following publications distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

REMARKS (refer to references cited)

(Claim 1)

- References 1 and 2

Reference 1 discloses an image reading device for reading a finger print pattern, comprising a transparent rotating roller having a predetermined pattern over the entire circumference, imaging means for reading the finger print pattern as well as the predetermined pattern, and means for determining the timing for taking the image of the finger print pattern based on the change of a rotation detecting image corresponding to the predetermined pattern portion.

The present invention as claimed in claim 1 and the invention disclosed in Reference 1 are different in that the device as claimed in claim 1

(1) comprises setting means for setting a reference value for correction